Import of Films

340. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of agreements for import of films were entered into with Foreign distributors:

(b) if so, the nature and details of the films proposed to be imported; and

(c) the extent of Foreign Exchange likely to be spent on these deals?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and(b) NFDC, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting have signed three-year agreements with Sovexportfilm of USSR and Motion Picture Export Association of America (MPEAA) for import and distribution of films into India. The feature films proposed to be imported and distributed by these agencies must satisfy the eligibility criteria and requirements of quality laid down in the policy for import of feature films in force at the time of signing the Agreements. The maximum number of feature films which Motion Picture Export Association of America (MPEAA) and Sovexportfilm can import and distribute in India annually are 100 and 20 respectively.

(c) There is no out-go of foreign exchange in the case of import of feature films by Sovexportfilm. However, in case of Agreement between NFDC and Motion Picture Export Association of America, the member companies can repatriate amounts subject to the annual ceiling of US dollars 7 lakhs in the first year of the Agreement, US dollars 10 lakhs in the second year and US dollars 14 lakhs in the third year.

Encroachment in Paschim Vihar

341. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of house owners have extended and encroached 7 to 10 feet on public streets and lanes in D.D.A. colony of Paschim Vihar, New Delhi causing traffic problems and parking difficulties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that vacant DDA land and space meant for public utility has been encroached upon at Balbir Singh Marg, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi;

(c) whether D.D.A. has made any survey in this regard and whether any action has been taken so far against above encroachments; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to free the public streets, lanes and places from encroachments and by when these are proposed to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Deterioration in land holdings

342. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation with regard to the deterioration, if any, in the land holdings pattern in the country over the years in the size of one to two hectares of land operated by small farmers since 1960-61 to 1980-81 and from 1981-82 onwards; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Information on operational holdings and area operated for different size classes are collected during Agricultural Census. The data on land holdings was also collected by National Sample Surveys Organisation in their 17th, 26th and 37th Rounds. Due to differences in the methodology, concepts and definitions adopted in the NSSO surveys and the Agricultural Censuses, the two sets of data will not be strictly comparable.

A statement showing the number and area of operatonal holdings in size class of 1-2 ha. per the Agricultural Census and percentage distribution of operational holdings as reflected in the 17th, 26th and 37th Rounds of NSS (All India) for size class 101—202, is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(A) Number and area of operational holdings in size class 1-2 ha.

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS

Year	No. of holdings (,000)	Area operated ('000 ha.)	Average size (ha.)
1970-71	13,432	19,282	1.4355
1976-77 . . .	14,728	20,905	1.4194
1980-81	16,072	23,169	1.4416

(B) Percentage distribution of oper- tional holdings

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Size class of operational holding (ha.)	17th Round (1961-62)	26th Round (1971-72)	37th Round 1982
1.01—2.02	22.62	22.38	19.32

Credit norms for small and marginal farmers

343. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modify the credit norms for the farmers considering the inability of the small and marginal farmers to avail of facility of subsidised inputs because of the constant rise in the prices; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration to modify the credit norms for farmers. However, scales of finance are revised appropriately to take care of increase, if any in input prices.